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Application Number: 09/924,768 ) Art Unit 2664  
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Filed: August 9, 2001 ) Examiner Lee, Andrew C.  
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For: PACKET SWITCHING APPARATUS )  
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Attorney Docket No. HITA .0094 )

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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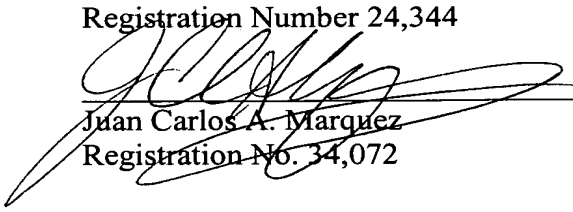
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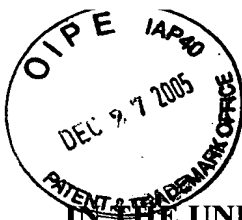
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed in the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 15, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 15, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: